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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/304,716
Applicant(s) : James W. Cree, et al.
Filed : May 4, 1999
Title : Absorbent Article Having Fused Layers
TC/A.U. : 3761
Examiner : Michelle M. Kidwell
Conf. No. : 1077
Docket No. : 4546RC2D
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- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	*	MINUS	**	=	x \$18 =	\$	
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ \$290 =	\$
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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
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 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
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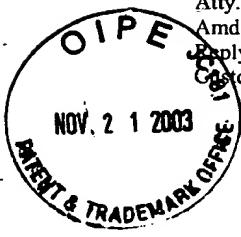
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of August 13, 2003, the time for response being extended by one (1) month, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a one (1) Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including December 13, 2003.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.